

TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of October 17, 2011

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on

Monday, October 17, 2011

in the Greenwood Room at 6:30 PM

at the North Smithfield Public Library, 20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: *6:32 pm*

Members Present: Louise Belisle, Gwen Cunningham, Jeffrey Harris, Linda Frye, Daniel Couture

Members Absent: Jeffrey Fontaine, John Zambarano

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes.

Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2011 Meeting

Approval for the minutes from the September 19, 2011 meeting was postponed.

Communications

- A. The Commission welcomed Gilbert Moore, a founding member of the NSHDC, to help inform the members on any historical background information to bring to the discussion regarding the clarification of properties within the Union Village Historic District zoning overlay boundary map.
- B. Jeff H. presented the existing Union Village Historic District map (11x17) currently used by the NS Building Inspectors office as well as a revised map (24x36) with overlays of the existing map boundary lines and proposed boundary lines.
- C. Jeff H. gave a brief review of the complications involved and the progress the NSHDC has made to date.
- D. Mr. Moore contributed his recollections as to the process of forming the NSHDC and the Union Village Historic District. He mentioned a great effort was made by the members of the Commission to communicate and inform the prospective property owners affected, and the resulting communications among the property owners themselves.
- E. Mr. Moore did not recall the boundaries set for the Union Village Historic District to be two-hundred feet to each side of Great Road from the center of Great Road.
- F. The undated list of property owners believed to be from the time of the formation of the Union Village Historic District received from Debra Todd, Town Clerk was presented to Mr. Moore. He believed this was one of the original lists to determine which properties would be affected.

- G. Jeff H. presented the proposal submitted to the Town Council of the Town of North Smithfield by the Historic District Commission dated January 1973. The properties discussed in this proposal only convey those with historic significance and does not comprise a comprehensive inventory of all properties affected within the boundary.
- H. Jeff H. presented the US Department of the Interior 'National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form' signed on June 30, 1978. The properties discussed in this proposal is similar to the proposal submitted to the Town Council in January 1973, and only conveys those with historic significance and does not comprise a comprehensive inventory of all properties affected within the boundary.
- I. Ending discussion revolved around ways to continue the discussion, move forward, and conduct further research. Jeff H. will attempt to contact a few of the remaining original members of the NSHDC (notably, Shirley Reichenberg and Irene Nebiker) to invite them to our next meeting to allow the current members a chance to get some questions answered as to the original intent of the Union Village Historic District.

Old Business

- A. Review, discussion and vote for approval on NS HDC Rules and Regulations, Section III, has been tabled to the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 7:55 p.m.

Motion: Daniel Couture

Seconded: Louise Belisle

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2011